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NH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Theodore L. Doherty, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General in New England announced that **Henry Allen White**, 24 West Road, Londonderry, NH, age 49, was arrested yesterday at his home without incident by federal agents.

On September 3, 2003, a Federal Grand Jury in Concord, NH returned a secret five count Indictment charging White with violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, the federal false statement statute. The first four counts of the Indictment allege that White, while employed by the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller, falsely answered "no" to questions on a required government employment form which asked whether there were "currently any charges pending against [him] for any criminal offense", whether he had "ever been charged with or convicted of any offense(s) related to alcohol or drugs," whether in the last 7 years he had "been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of any offense(s)" not previously disclosed on the form, and whether he had "ever illegally used a controlled substance ... ; while possessing a security clearance; or while in a position directly and immediately affecting the public safety?" The fifth count alleges that White falsely certified, by his signature, that all of his statements on that form were "true, complete, and correct to the best of [his] knowledge and belief"

White appeared yesterday in U.S. District Court in Concord, NH before United States Magistrate Judge, James R. Muirhead at which time the case was set down for trial on November 4, 2003. White was released and is scheduled to appear again on September 10, 2003 at 2:30 PM for arraignment on the charges. If convicted, White could receive up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$250,000 fine on each count.

This matter was investigated by the United States Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Arnold H. Huftalen.

United States Attorney Colantuono reminds the public that an Indictment merely alleges that a crime has been committed and that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.